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CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Accept Improvements Under Contract for DeBenedetti Park/G Basin Rough Grading Project

MEETING DATE: January 6, 2010

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the improvements under the contract for the DeBenedetti Park/G Basin Rough Grading Project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The contract for this project was awarded to A.M. Stephens Construction Company, of Lodi, on December 17, 2003, in the amount of \$266,678. Acceptance of these improvements will close this six year old project.

This project developed the storm drainage detention basin for southwest Lodi. This first phase of the park development consisted of the excavation, rough grading and export of material from the DeBenedetti Park site. The work also included some fencing, rip-rap erosion protection, and other drainage-related work.

The excavation/grading of this basin will provide storm drainage detention storage for the area north of Harney Lane, bounded by Lower Sacramento Road on the west and the Woodbridge Irrigation Canal on the east and north. In order to reduce the excavation costs, this rough grading contractor was originally given four years to complete the excavation and rough grading. The City approved a contract extension to December 31, 2008. The contract was then suspended until May 1, 2009, to allow the Recreation Commission and the City Council additional time to review a proposal to revise the grading plan. The Recreation Commission reviewed the revised grading plan at its March 12 meeting and voted to have the plan presented to Council with Commission representation.

City Council, at its meeting of May 6, 2009, approved a redesign/regrading of the storm drainage storage areas of DeBenedetti Park and A.M. Stephens Construction was given an additional five-month extension.

The final contract price was \$561,450.54. The difference between the contract amount and the final contract price was due to seven contract change orders. These contract change orders included the modification to the grading of the storm drain area (\$163,000), the installation of a 48-inch storm drain pipe to connect the two basins (\$48,600), regrading of the northwest basin (\$43,989), and miscellaneous fencing and maintenance items.

Following acceptance by the City Council, as required by law, the City Engineer will file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder's office. The notice serves to notify vendors and subcontractors that the project is complete and begins their 30-day period to file a stop notice requiring the City to withhold payments from the prime contractor in the event of a payment dispute.


APPROVED:


Blair King, City Manager

FISCAL IMPACT: There are no additional maintenance costs associated with the project. However, there will be additional operation and maintenance costs for the parks and storm drain facilities once they are completed.

FUNDING AVAILABLE:

Parks and Recreation Impact Mitigation Fee Fund (1217)	\$ 90,000.00
Storm Drain Impact Mitigation Fee Fund (326017)	\$471,450.54


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